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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

TOKYO PASS BURKE

SUBJECT: VIETNAM ELECTIONS: UPPER HOUSE RETURNS

REFS: A. SAIGON 5131
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1. CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL IS STILL AWAITING CONFIRMATION OF RETURNS FROM 12 ELECTORAL JURISDICTIONS

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AND FORMAL CEC ANNOUNCEMENT OF INITIAL RESULTS IS THEREFORE NOT LIKELY BEFORE TOMORROW MORNING. HOWEVER, CEC HAS NOW TOTALED ITS RETURNS AND HAS UNOFFICIALLY ACCEPTED A RANK ORDER FOR TOP TEN SLATES AS BELOW. THIS RANK ORDER CONFORMS TO THAT NOW ACCEPTED BY SPECIAL COMMISSARIAT FOR ADMINISTRATION (WE DO NOT KNOW IF THEIR VOTE TOTALS DO OR WILL AGREE) AND IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. THE WINNERS:

LIST 13	TRAN VAN DON
LIST 40	NGUYEN VAN HUYEN
LIST 8	NGUYEN GIA HIEN
LIST 31	HUYNH VAN CAO
LIST 21	NGUYEN NGOC KY
LIST 10	PHAN BA CAM

THE RUNNERS-UP:

LIST 2	LA THANH NGHE
LIST 3	TRAN VAN LAM
LIST 4	UVU QUOC THUC
LIST 34	MAI VAN LE

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3. AS REPORTED REFTELS, LATE AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 6 SCA INCLUDED LAM'S LIST NUMBER 3 IN WINNERS, A FACT THAT LAM'S PARTISANS QUICKLY LEARNED. LAM HAS NOW FILES A COMPLAINT ALLEGING THAT HE WAS "DEPRIVED" OF 54,000 VOTES BETWEEN 1800 AND 1900 ON SEPTEMBER 6 BY THE "AUTHORITIES." THIS WAS PERIOD WHEN SCA RECOUNT TOOK PLACE AS REPORTED REFERENCE B. WE WERE TABULATING CEC POSTINGS THROUGHOUT AND OUR RUNNING TALLY NEVER PLACED LAM'S LIST HIGHER THAN NINTH (REPORTED REF B) AND NEVER ACCORDED IT MORE THAN THE 527,288 WHICH THE SCA NOW CARRIES AS FINAL TOTAL FOR LIST 3. WE ARE THEREFORE SKEPTICAL OF VALIDITY OF ALLEGATION BUT GIVEN CLOSE FINISH NOT SURPRISED THAT IT HAS BEEN MADE. WE HAVE HEARD OF OTHER ALLEGATIONS OF IRREGULARITIES BUT KNOW

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CF NO OTHER FORMALCOMPLAINTS.

4. FOR COMMENT ON WINNERS SEE REF D.

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